

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A head end comprising a low noise converter for providing signal bands including channels to one or more user units, characterized in that the low noise converter is arranged as a low noise channel converter, which includes frequency multiplexing means for multiplexing one or more user pre-selected channels to the user units.
2. (original) The head end according to claim 1, characterized in that the head end comprises local oscillator means coupled to the low noise channel converter.
3. (original) The head end according to claim 2, characterized in that the local oscillator means are arranged for providing a variable local oscillator frequency.
4. (currently amended) The head end according to claim 2-~~or 3~~, characterized in that the local oscillator means comprise one or more phase locked loops.

5. (currently amended) A satellite receiver system comprising a head end according to ~~one of the claims 1-4~~claim 1, characterized in that the satellite receiver system further comprises one or more user units coupled to the low noise channel converter.

6. (original) The satellite receiver system according to claim 5, characterized in that the coupling between the low noise channel converter and the user units contains a single communication medium, generally a coaxial cable.

7. (currently amended) The satellite receiver system according to claim 5~~or 6~~, characterized in that the satellite receiver system comprises local oscillator means coupled to the low noise channel converter.

8. (original) The satellite receiver system according to claim 7, characterized in that the local oscillator means are arranged for providing a variable local oscillator frequency.

9. (original) The satellite receiver system according to claim 8, characterized in that the local oscillator means comprise one or more phase locked loops.

10. (currently amended) A satellite receiver system according to ~~one of the claims 5-9~~ claim 5, characterized in that the head end includes a combining circuit, and that the satellite receiver system further comprises a parallel arrangement of one or more further low noise channel converters coupled to the combining circuit.

11. (original) The satellite receiver system according to claim 10, characterized in that each further low noise channel converter is provided with further local oscillator means for tuning on individual user pre-selected receiving channels.